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SUBJECT: MFM: FINAL STATEMENT AND POSSIBLE MESSAGE FROM THE
SECRETARY TO LATIN FOREIGN MINISTERS

FOR DELIVERY TO MR. KUBISCH AT 8:30 A.M. SUNDAY

REFS: A. MEXICO 1325; B. JOVA/KUBISCH TELECON FEB 16

1. AS JACK KUBISCH INDICATED IN TODAY'S TELECON, THE
NATURE AND TONE OF A FINAL STATEMENT BY THE MFM IS OF
GREAT CONCERN, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF OUR EXPERIENCE
WITH MEXICAN "SULGESTIONS" PAPER.

2. I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE THREE COURSES OF ACTION
WE SHOULD CONCURRENTLY FOLLOW:

A) CONSULTATIONS BY US WITH KEY DELEGATIONS AND,
AS APPROPRIATE, BY DEPARTMENT WITH WASHINGTON EMBASSIES;

B) A MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO CONFERENCE
OR TO INDIVIDUAL FOREIGN MINISTERS (AS RECOMMENDED IN
MEXICO 1325, PARA 4);

C) PREPARATION IN ADVANCE OF A U.S. DRAFT DECLARATION
WHICH COULD BE PRESENTED AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME WHEN
WORKING GROUP IS CONVENED.

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3. WE SHOULD, OF COURSE, AIM TO AVOID ANY TUTELARY
ATTITUDES IN CARRYING OUT THE ABOVE AND I BELIEVE WE

CAN DO THIS AND STILL EFFECTIVELY WORK TOWARDS OUR OBJECTIVE.

4. THE REPORT OF THE EXPERTS RECOMMENDED FORMATION OF A WORKING GROUP IN WHICH WE WOULD BE INCLUDED, CHARGED WITH NEGOTIATING AND PREPARING TEXT OF FINAL DOCUMENT. IT IS QUITE LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT WE MAY NOT BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY MEETINGS BEFORE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL. WE WILL, OF COURSE, MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT AND CONSULTATION WITH KEY DELEGATIONS, AS WELL AS WITH MEXICANS, ON MATTER OF FINAL STATEMENT.

5. IN ADDITION TO THIS, HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THE SECRETARY SHOULD SEND, VIA RABASA, A CABLE BY EARLY MONDAY TO ALL FOREIGN MINISTERS WISHING THEM A SUCCESSFUL MEETING (AS WAS DONE AT BOGOTA WITH SUCH GOOD EFFECT) AND UTILIZING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SET FORTH U.S. VIEWS IN GENERAL TERMS.

6. WE SUGGEST, FOR CONSIDERATION, SOMETHING ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

"AS YOU MEET IN MEXICO, I WISH YOU THE VERY BEST IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS AND AM LOOKING FORWARD WITH GREAT EXPECTATION AND PLEASURE TO OUR MEETING LATER THIS WEEK, WHICH I AM CONVINCED WILL SET US ON THE ROAD TO REBUILDING A GREAT AMERICAN COMMUNITY -- A TASK WHICH YOU BEGAN SO ABLY IN BOGOTA.

"I HAVE READ WITH INTEREST THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING OF EXPERTS AND CONGRATULATE THE PARTICIPANTS FOR THE WORK THEY HAVE DONE IN DRAWING UP A FORMAT, ON THE BASIS OF WHICH I BELIEVE WE CAN CARRY OUT A FRUITFUL DIALOGUE.

" IT IS MY FIRM CONVICTION THAT THIS MEETING IS TAKING PLACE BECAUSE THERE IS MUCH WHICH UNITES US INTO A COMMUNITY. IF WE KEEP OUR COMMON INTERESTS FIRMLY IN MIND, THE PROBLEMS WHICH DIVIDE US WILL BE EASIER
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TO RESOLVE. THOSE ISSUES ON WHICH WE ARE UNABLE TO REACH A TOTALLY COMMON GROUND CANNOT BE IGNORED, FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP MUST BE BASED ON REALITIES. BUT I BELIEVE THAT -- WITH THE BENEFIT OF GOOD WILL ON THE PART OF ALL OF US -- WE CAN DIRECT EVEN THE MOST INTRACTABLE OF THOSE PROBLEMS DOWN PATHS WHICH GIVE PROMISE OF AN ULTIMATE SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL BE SATISFACTORY TO US ALL.

"I BELIEVE THAT ALL OF US COME TO MEXICO IN THE SPIRIT

OF SEARCHING FOR A PHILOSOPHICAL BASIS FOR LIVING
TOGETHER IN PEACE -- CONVIVENCIA PACIFICA -- AND FOR
COOPERATING TO PROMOTE THE INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF
OUR PEOPLES. I AM PARTICULARLY HOPEFUL THAT THE
DOCUMENT WHICH ARISES FROM THE CONFERENCE OF TLATELOLCO --
THAT PART WHICH THE WORLD WILL SEE -- WILL REFLECT BOTH
THE COMMON INTERESTS WHICH BIND US TOGETHER AND OUR
DETERMINATION TO COOPERATE IN A SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP
TO RESOLVE THOSE PROBLEMS WHICH REMAIN.

"I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER WITH YOU ALL, AS
MY COLLEAGUES, IN A SUCCESSFUL MEETING, WHICH WILL
NOT BE AN END IN ITSELF, BUT A DETERMINED FIRST STEP
IN THE NEW DIALOGUE WHICH WE ARE NOW UNDERTAKING."

7. THIS IS THE SORT OF MESSAGE I BELIEVE WOULD BE A
WELCOME EXPRESSION OF ATTENTION TO THE FOREIGN MIN-
ISTERS. AT THE SAME TIME IT SHOULD HELP US TO DIS-
COURAGE THEM FROM LINES OF ACTION WHICH WOULD MAKE
OUR TASK MORE DIFFICULT ONCE THE MFM BEGINS.
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